

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims so that the reference to a "mixed resin layer" has been replaced with a reference to a second resin layer which comprises a resin, a first additive material and a second additive material. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments, which do not narrow the scope of the claims, overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, the withdrawal of which is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to their remarks regarding Mizuno presented in their RCE submission filed March 12, 2002. For the convenience of the Examiner, applicants reproduce those remarks here:

In the Advisory Action mailed February 14, 2002, the Examiner refused entry of the amendment filed January 22, 2002, and cited "Mizuno et al. (5,441,802) as an example of the two-layer polypropylene films [that] have a mixed resin layer, comprising silicone oils, and zeolite (aluminosilicates) as being a reference, which would be of interest to applicants." This RCE requests entry of the prior amendment, which overcomes the prior art previously of record, so applicants take this opportunity to explain why Mizuno does not affect the patentability of the claims in this application.

The claims in this application are directed to a two-layer film in which the resin of the second, mixed resin layer consists essentially of polypropylene. Mizuno's surface layer contains both a propylene random copolymer, disclosed as Component A at col. 3, lines 28-62, and an acid-modified polypropylene, disclosed as Component C at col. 4, lines 24-61. Since Mizuno describes both of these components as "essential," there is no suggestion to leave either of them out of the skin layer. The claims in this application do not cover surface or skin layers which include significant amounts of a resin other than polypropylene and thus would not have been obvious in light of Mizuno.

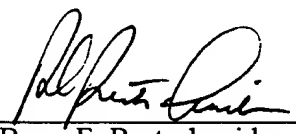
Early action allowing claims 1-4 and 6-10 is solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by this amendment, captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1, 4 and 10 as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) A two-layer laminate film, comprising:

a) a first resin layer comprising a polyolefin resin and having a surface treated by a discharge treatment method that imparts [excellent] printability to the treated surface; and
b) a [mixed] second resin layer [in which the] comprising a resin, a first additive material and a second additive material, wherein the resin of the second resin layer consists essentially of polypropylene resin and the second resin layer is formed on and adhered to a surface of said first resin layer opposite the treated surface having said surface treatment,

wherein the first resin layer and the mixed resin layer each contain up to 800 ppm fatty amides comprising stearamide or erucamide, [and]

the [mixed resin layer contains a] first additive material [comprising] comprises at least one crosslinked-silicone polymer in an amount of about 0.1% - 0.5% by weight of the mixed resin layer and/or at least one silicone oil in an amount of about 0.02% - 0.2% by weight of the mixed resin layer, and

[a] the second additive material [comprising] comprises at least one amorphous aluminosilicate in an amount of about 0.10 - 0.50% by weight of the mixed resin layer.

4. (Twice Amended) The two-layer laminate film according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said [mixed] second resin layer has a thickness of about 0.2 - 5.0 μm .

10. (Thrice Amended) The two-layer laminate film according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the resin of the [mixed] second resin layer consists of a polypropylene homopolymer.